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SUBJECT: CHARGES AMENDED IN NORTHROP F-5 PURCHASE IRREGULARITY CASE

REF KUALA LUMPUR 7161 (DTG 301159Z SEP 77)

1. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS ACCOUNTS, THE CORRUPTION CHARGES AGAINST RETIRED GROUP CAPTAIN AHMAD SHAH BIN HASHIM HAVE BEEN AMENDED TO CONSOLIDATE THE SECOND THROUGH FIFTH CHARGES TO READ AS ONE CHARGE. THE AMENDMENT HAD BEEN SOUGHT BY THE PROSECUTION TO PERMIT MORE EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING OF THE CASE. IN ACCEEDING TO THE AMENDED CHARGES, THE SPECIAL SESSIONS COURT CHANGED THE HEARING DATE FROM THOSE REPORTED IN REFTTEL TO DECEMBER 19-28, 1977.

2. THE CHARGES AGAINST AHMAD SHAH ARE NOW:

A) THAT HE DID CORRUPTLY AGREE TO ACCEPT FOR HIMSELF AND HIS ASSOCIATES GRATIFICATION OF ONE PER CENT COMMISSION AMOUNTING TO US\$178,530.33 FOR THE SALE OF THE F-5 TYPE AIRCRAFT FROM SYARIKAT BUMIPUTRA SDN. BHD., KUALA LUMPUR, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF NORTHROP CORPORATION,
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USA, THE MANUFACTURERS OF THE AIRCRAFT AS AN INDUCEMENT TO RECOMMEND TO THE GOVERNMENT THE PURCHASE OF THE AIRCRAFT FOR THE RMAF.

THE OFFENCE IS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN COMMITTED AT NO. 14, LORONG BANDAR TIGA, OLD KLANG ROAD HERE IN NOVEMBER, 1971 WHILE HE WAS AN

RMAF WING COMMANDER.

B) THAT HE DID CORRUPTLY ACCEPT FOR HIMSELF
AND HIS ASSOCIATES GRATIFICATION
AMOUNTING TO \$101,650 (SINGAPORE CURRENCY) AS
COMMISSION ON NORTHROP F-5B AND F-5E AIRCRAFT
FROM SYARIKAT BUMIPUTRA SDN. BHD. AS A REWARD
FOR RECOMMENDING TO THE GOVERNMENT THE PURCHASE
OF 14 F-5E AND TWO F-5B AIRCRAFT FOR RMAF.

THE OFFENCE IS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN COM-
MITTED BETWEEN FEB 19, 1973 AND MARCH 23, 1974
WHILE HE WAS A GROUP CAPTAIN.

3. COMMENT: AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, CHARGES HAVE BEEN FILED AGAINST
AHMAD SHAH FOR ALLEGEDLY RECEIVING ILLICIT PAYMENTS WHILE ON ACTIVE
DUTY. WHEREAS COMMISSIONS PAID TO PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS ARE NOT ILLEGAL

WE EXPECT ADDITIONAL DETAILS WILL SURFACE DURING THE COURT
HEARING, PRESUMABLY IMPLICATING ONE OR MORE INDIVIDUALS ASSOCIATED
WITH SYARIKAT BUMIPUTRA IN THIS KICKBACK SCHEME.

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